

# A BREEZELESS DAY

## ASL SCENARIO AP3

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**GROS REDERCHING, FRANCE, 2 January 1945:** Operation Nordwind was launched to take advantage of the thin front offered by the American Seventh Army. The Seventh was covering the positions that had been occupied by Patton's Third Army, now deployed in the Ardennes. Initial thrusts by the attacking XIII SS-Korps were poorly led and gained minimal ground even though they outnumbered the defending GIs. Reinforced overnight by the 17th Volksgrenadier Regiment and the 36th Volksgrenadier Division, the XIII SS-Korps continued its attacks the following morning.

### BOARD CONFIGURATION:



43	42
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### BALANCE:

☆ Add one *M36 GMC* to the U.S. OB.

✚ In the Victory Conditions, change "currently Control  $\geq 10$ " to "currently Control  $\geq 5$ ".

**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Germans win immediately upon Exiting  $\geq 70$  Victory Points (excluding prisoners) off the south edge of board(s) 42/43, provided they currently Control  $\geq 10$  buildings on board 42, on/south-of hexrow K.

### TURN RECORD CHART

☆ AMERICAN Sets Up First [110]	✚	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	END
✚ GERMAN Moves First [126]											



Elements of the 71st and 397th Infantry Regiments, 44th Infantry Division, and the 776th Tank Destroyer and 749th Tank Battalions [ELR: 3] set up on board(s) 42/43, on/south-of hexrow Y (see SSR 3): {SAN: 4}

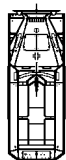


1 6-6-6	2 9-2	8-0	7-0	HMG 50 cal 3 8-16	HMG 3 6-12	MMG 2 4-10	BAZ 45 X11 WPB 8-5	Radio 8	1 AT Mine	15 8 3 90L -/-/4
10					2	3		6 factors		3

15 1 75 2/4/4	<b>Foxhole</b> 5 OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2
2	6



Elements of SS-Panzer Grenadier Regiment 37, SS-Panzerjäger Abteilung 653, and Flammkompanie 353 [ELR: 3] enter on Turn 1 along the north edge of board(s) 42/43: {SAN: 3}



2 4-4-7	8-1	8-0	8-0	MMG 2 5-12	LMG 1 3-8	PSK X10 12-4	DC X12 30-1	11 26 8 128L 3/-	13 14 3 X11 BF30 -/-/1*	13 8 3 105 -/-/2*
18		2	2	4	2	2	2	2		2

13 8 3 75L -/-/2*	16 1 1 15PP AAMG T7 -/-/3
4	6

### SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Wet, with no wind at start.
- All grain hexes on board 43 are Level 1 Open Ground hill hexes; the printed outline of the grain represents the hill Crest Lines.
- The Americans receive one module of 60+mm battalion mortar OBA (U.S. Ordnance Note 1). The Americans may roll for each *M4A3(75)W* on the H1.42 Gyrostabilizer Availability Table (D11.1).
- All German 4-4-7s/2-3-7s are considered to have Assault Fire capability, an underlined Morale, have their broken side Morale Level increased by one, and to be SS for all purposes. The German Force is Elite (C8.2).

**AFTERMATH:** The spearhead of the XIII SS-Korps was the 17th SS-Panzer Grenadier Division, a unit refitted just prior to Nordwind with a high proportion of low quality *Volksdeutsche* and the usual high quality equipment lavished upon the SS divisions. The men of the 17th SS-Panzer Grenadier Division, with their flanks protected by the *volksgrenadiers*, continued their attack on the 44th Infantry Division's positions. Despite several spirited counterattacks by American infantrymen, the armored elements of the SS managed to break through and capture Gros Rederching and Aachen. Further counterattacks then forced the *panzergrenadiers* to retreat from their newly won territory. By Nordwind's second nightfall, the offensive had lost all momentum.